

Amendments to the Claims:

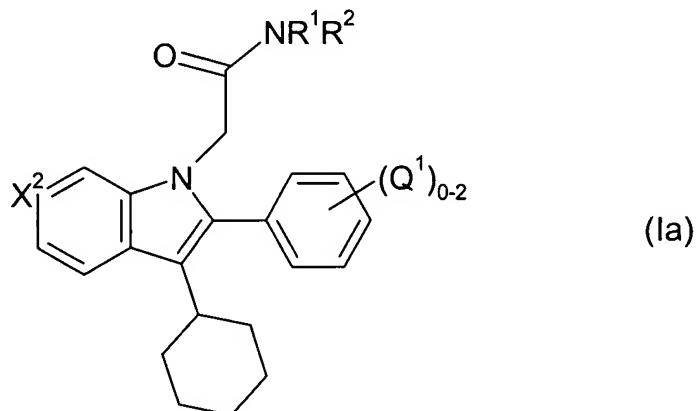
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

The listing of the claims which follows replaces any and all prior versions and/or listings of the claims in the application.

1 (canceled):

2 (currently amended): A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein Q¹ is halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl, or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

X² is CR³; R⁴ and R² are as defined in claim 1;

R¹ is CH₂Het, wherein Het is a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, which ring may contain 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S or a group S(O), S(O)₂, NH or NC₁₋₄ alkyl; provided that R¹ is optionally substituted by hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl, =O, C(O)C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl;

R² is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R³ is CO₂H, heteroaryl, or C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰;

R⁹ is hydrogen or methyl;

R¹⁰ is SO₂R¹¹; and

R¹¹ is C₁₋₄ alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, trifluoromethyl, CH₂CF₃, methoxyphenyl, pyridyl, thienyl, or (CH₂)₂phenyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3 (currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1-2 selected from:
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-(4-methylphenyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-(2-fluorophenyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-(3-methylphenyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-(2-hydroxypyrimidin-5-yl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-(3-furyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-(6-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 1H-indol-2-yl)pyridinium trifluoroacetate,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(methylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl 2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid hydrochloride,
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl) 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-{{[1-(5-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)ethyl]amino} 2-oxoethyl}) 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,~~
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{{[methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-{{[methyl[(5-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl}) 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-{{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl}) 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-{{[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl}) 2-phenyl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,~~

~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-6-(1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-N-methyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)prop-2-en-1-yl]-2-(2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~1-{{5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl}acetyl}-N,N-dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate,~~
~~1-{{5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl}acetyl}-N,N-dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate,~~
~~(4-{{6-carboxy-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl}acetyl}-morpholin-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylmethanaminium trifluoroacetate,~~
~~1-(2-[benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~1-(2-amino-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(7-methyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~1-[2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[(3*R*,4*R*)-4-hydroxy-1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyridin-3-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-(methyl[1-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)ethyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3 cyclohexyl 1-{2-[4-(4-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3 cyclohexyl 1-{2-[4-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[3-(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]piperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~(1-pyridin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-[(1-piperidin-1-ylcyclopentyl)methyl]amino)ethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(2-pyridin-4-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-{2-[(1S,4S)-5-methyl-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-[(2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-oxo-2-(prop-2-yn-1-ylamino)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-[(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-[methyl(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-[(diisopropylamino)ethyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid;~~

~~2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-thienyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-[4-(aminocarbonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-[3-(acetylamino)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 {3 [(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin 1 yl} 2 oxoethyl) 2 (3 fluorophenyl) 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclopentyl 1 {2 [methyl(phenyl)amino] 2 oxoethyl} 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclopentyl 1 [2 oxo 2 (4 pyrrolidin 1 ylpiperidin 1 yl)ethyl] 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 [2 oxo 2 (4 pyrrolidin 1 ylpiperidin 1 yl)ethyl] 2 pyridin 4 yl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~1 (2 {[(1 acetylpyrrolidin 2 yl)methyl]amino} 2 oxoethyl) 3 cyclohexyl 2 pyridin 4 yl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [3 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 2 pyridin 3 yl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [[2 (dimethylamino) 2 oxethyl](methyl)amino] 2 oxoethyl} 2 pyridin 3 yl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 [2 (hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin 2(1H) yl) 2 oxoethyl] 2 pyridin 3 yl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclopentyl 1 (2 {methyl[(1 methylpiperidin 4 yl)methyl]amino} 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclopentyl 1 (2 {[(1 ethyl 5 oxopyrrolidin 3 yl)methyl]amino} 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 2 {4 [2 (dimethylamino) 2 oxethoxy]phenyl} 1 {2 [methyl(pyrazin 2 ylmethyl)amino] 2 oxoethyl} 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~2 (4 chloro 2 fluorophenyl) 3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 -(2- {[(1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~2 biphenyl 3 yl 3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [4 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~2 (2 chlorophenyl) 3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [4 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [4 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 2 (5 fluoro 2 methoxyphenyl) 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [4 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 2 (3 thieryl) 1H indole 6 carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl] 3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 2-(4-isopropoxyphenyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)phenyl] 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 2-(3-methylphenyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(methylamino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[(2-(dimethylamino) 2-oxoethyl)(methyl)amino] 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~

~~1-[2-(2-[(acetyl(methyl)amino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl) 2-oxoethyl] 3-cyclohexyl 2-(3-fluorophenyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl 1-[2-(1,1-dioxidothiomorpholin-4-yl) 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl 1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl 1-[2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino] 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclopentyl 1-(2-[(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino) 2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 2-pyrimidin-5-yl 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(4-chlorophenyl) 3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl) 2-oxoethyl] 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(4-chlorophenyl) 3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(4-isopropylpiperazin-1-yl) 2-oxoethyl] 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(4-chlorophenyl) 3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl] 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~2-(4-chlorophenyl) 3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-oxo-2-piperazin-1-ylethyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 2-(3-furyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl] 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl) 2-oxoethyl] 2-(3-furyl) 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~

~~1-[2-(4-azetidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 3-cyclohexyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl) 1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]ethyl] 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(diethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 2-(4-methoxyphenyl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 2-(3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl) 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 2-(3-[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)oxy]phenyl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1*H* pyrrole[3,2-*b*]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 2-(1-naphthyl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 2-(2-naphthyl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 1*H,1'H*-2,5'-bisindole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 2-(8-methylquinolin-4-yl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxylic acid,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-methyl 1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl] 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*[(4-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N,N*-dimethyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*-isopropyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~*N*-allyl 3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*[(2-dimethylamino)ethyl] 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl] 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl *N*[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl] 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 6-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)carbonyl] 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl 1*H* indole,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl 1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl) 2-phenyl *N*-(tetrahydrofuran-3-yl) 1*H* indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3 cyclohexyl N (1,1-dioxidotetrahydro 3 thiienyl) 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl N (2 furylmethyl) 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl N [(6 methylpyridin 2 yl)methyl] 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) N,2 diphenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~N benzyl 3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~4 {[3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indol 6 yl]carbonyl} piperazin 2 one,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl N (2 methoxyethyl) 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl N (2 morpholin 4 ylethyl) 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl N [2 (1 methylpyrrolidin 3 yl)ethyl] 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~N {[3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indol 6 yl]carbonyl} 5 hydroxy L tryptophan,~~
~~3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl N [2 (1H pyrazol 1 yl)ethyl] 1H indole 6 carboxamide,~~
~~3 {[3 cyclohexyl 1 [2 (4 methylpiperazin 1 yl) 2 oxoethyl] 2 phenyl 1H indol 6 yl] 1,2,4 oxadiazol 5(4H) one,~~
~~2 [3 cyclohexyl 6 (5 oxo 4,5 dihydro 1,2,4 oxadiazol 3 yl) 2 phenyl 1H indol 1 yl] N methyl N [(1 methylpiperidin 3 yl)methyl]acetamide,~~
~~2 [3 cyclohexyl 6 (5 oxo 4,5 dihydro 1,2,4 oxadiazol 3 yl) 2 phenyl 1H indol 1 yl] N,N dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3 {[3 cyclohexyl 1 (2 morpholin 4 yl 2 oxoethyl) 2 phenyl 1H indol 6 yl] 1,2,4 oxadiazol 5(4H) one,~~
~~2 [3 cyclohexyl 6 (5 oxo 4,5 dihydro 1,2,4 oxadiazol 3 yl) 2 phenyl 1H indol 1 yl] N [(1 methylpyrrolidin 3 yl)methyl]acetamide,~~
~~3 {[3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [4 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 2 (2 methylphenyl) 1H indol 6 yl] 1,2,4 oxadiazol 5(4H) one,~~
~~3 {[3 cyclohexyl 1 {2 [4 (dimethylamino)piperidin 1 yl] 2 oxoethyl} 2 (2 fluorophenyl) 1H indol 6 yl] 1,2,4 oxadiazol 5(4H) one,~~
~~2 [3 cyclohexyl 2 (3 methoxyphenyl) 6 (5 oxo 4,5 dihydro 1,2,4 oxadiazol 3 yl) 1H indol 1 yl] N,N dimethylacetamide,~~

~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl] 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~2-[3 cyclohexyl 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl) 2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl] 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl] N,N-dimethylbenzamide,~~
~~2-[3 cyclohexyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl) 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl) 3-cyclohexyl 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl 1-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl]-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~2-[3 cyclohexyl 2-(3-furyl) 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-[5-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl) 2-furyl]-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~2-[3 cyclohexyl 2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl) 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~2-[3 cyclohexyl 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl) 2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~
~~2-[3 cyclohexyl 2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl) 6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl] N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~
~~3-[3 cyclohexyl 1-(2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl] 2-oxoethyl) 2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indol-6-yl] 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,~~

~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~

~~2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy]pyridin-4-yl]-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]N,N-dimethylacetamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(methylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(propylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~benzyl-(2-[(3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yl)-carbonyl]amino)sulfonyl]ethyl)carbamate,~~

~~N-[(2-aminoethyl)sulfonyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-N-[(2-(dimethylamino)ethyl)sulfonyl]-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~

~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-[(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(pyridin-3-ylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~
~~3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(3-thienylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,~~
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4-5 (canceled):

6 (withdrawn-currently amended): A method for the treatment or prevention of illness due to hepatitis C virus, which method comprises administration to a subject suffering from the condition a compound as claimed in claim 1-2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

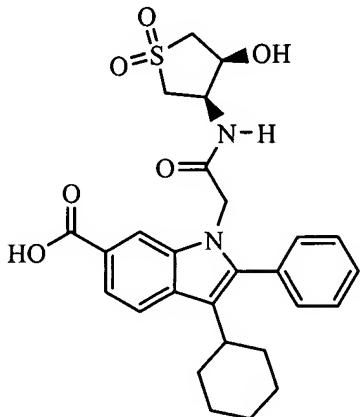
7-8 (canceled):

9 (withdrawn-currently amended): A method of inhibiting hepatitis C virus polymerase which comprises administering to a subject in need of such inhibition an effective amount of a compound of according to claim 1-2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10 (canceled):

11 (currently amended): A compound according to claim 102, wherein:
R³ is CO₂H, heteroaryl, or C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰;
R² is hydrogen or methyl;
R⁹ is hydrogen or methyl; and
Q¹ is fluorine, chlorine, methyl, or methoxy
R¹⁰ is SO₂R¹¹; and
R¹¹ is C1-4 alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, trifluoromethyl, CH₂CF₃, methoxyphenyl, pyridyl, thiienyl, or (CH₂)₂-phenyl.

12 (new): The compound of claim 2, wherein said compound has the following structure:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16 (new): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.